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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider the following remarks and enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend pending claims 18 and 19 to read as follows. A marked up version of the claims is included herewith:

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18. (Amended) A phytase containing granulate prepared by a process comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a solid carrier comprising at least about 15% (w/w) of an edible carbohydrate polymer;
 - (b) providing an aqueous liquid comprising a phytase at a concentration of at least 14,000 FTU per gram of aqueous liquid; and
 - (c) mixing the solid carrier and the aqueous liquid to form a granulate having a phytase activity of at least 6000 FTU per gram.
19. (Amended) A granulate having a phytase activity of at least 6000 FTU per gram comprising dried granules formed from an aqueous liquid comprising a phytase at a concentration of at least 14,000 FTU per gram of aqueous liquid and a solid carrier which comprises at least about 15% (w/w) of an edible carbohydrate polymer.

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